THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The item-wise details of the Central assistance sought by the State Government are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Item	Amounts
Agriculture	3.89
Lift irrigation	9.17
Cross Bundhs	0 18
Water Harvesting structures	2,82
Drinking water	1.90
Labour Intensive works	29.97
Feeding Programme	12.60
TOTAL:	60.53

(c) and (d) A Central team has already visited Orissa to make an on the spot assessment of the drought situation.

Acquisition of land in Delhi

4211. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a press report which was published in the Indian Express dated 1st August, 1987 with the caption 'Big fish evade the net deftly';

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in regard thereto;

(c) the total area of land in Delhi notified for acquisition under Section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act and the purpose for which the land was proposed to be acquired;

(d) whether some of the land notified for acquisition has since been denotified; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to acquire the land earlier notified for acquisition without any reservation and use it for the betterment of involved in the said denotification of land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (e) So far vacant land measuring 7206 Bighas 13 Biswas has been taken over in 9 villages and the taking over of possession of the remaining land is under process.

(c) Land measuring 54,959 bighas and one Biswa was notified under section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act in 13 villages of South Delhi and this land was notified for the "Planned Development of Delhi" and award has also been drawn and announced.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Protection of flood-prone areas in Assam

4212. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 50 per cent of the 3.15 million hectares of geographical area idnetified as flood-prone in Assam has been accorded protection by the end of 1986; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the vastness of the area affected and devastation caused by the latest flood in that State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This year, the Brahmaputra has exceeded the highest flood level of the past at Dibrugarh, Nimatighat and Guwahati and its tributary Burhi Dihing at Khowang. Occurrence of floods of a record magnitude leads to overtopping and breach of embankments which are generally designed to cope with a flood of 25 years'